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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic.*

Edinburgh, Tueſday December 17, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 12.

London, Dec. 12.

WE have lately had great Storms of Wind, which fills our Merchants with dread of bad News.

Mr. Newſham in New-ſtreet, Cloth-Fair, London (who publiſhed the unparalleled Uſefulneſs of his inimitable Water Engine, in this Paper of the 7th Inſtant) has now made a large One, that plays out 150 Gallons each Minute in a conſtant Stream, above 45 Yards: He has lately made Three, of different Sizes for the South Sea Houſe; its ſaid they ſtand in ſo little Compaſs, play with ſuch Force and Diſtance, and are always in ſuch Readineſs, that the large cumberſome ſquirting Engines will become uſeleſs.

John Ciſdelb, was convicted upon an Indictment againſt him, and others for a Notorious Riot, and aſſaulting ſeveral of the Militia Grenadiers in the Palace Yard, Weſtminſter, by throwing dead Cats and other Filth at them, and ſpoiling their Cloaths, and ſhutting the Water Gates there on the Day that the Lord Mayor went to Weſtminſter to be ſworn; and by Reaſon of his Poverty was fined one Shilling, and committed to the Houſe of Correction, and to be kept to hard Labour for 3 Months.

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From the London Gazette.

Lisbon, November 27, *N. S.* Some Weeks ago arrived in this Port 2 Imperial Men of War of 70 Guns each, with three Merchant Ships under their Convoy. The latter belonging to a Company for Commerce lately formed at Trieſte in the Emperor's Dominions on the Adriatick, and were laden with Plank, a ſmall Quantity of Iron and Steel manufactured, ſome Italian Silks, and about 800 Bags of Rice; and if they find the Market anſwer, they propoſe to ſettle a regular Trade with this Kingdom. They were a long Time on their Voyage, having lain at Meſſina 40 Days, they likewiſe touched at Naples, where the 2 Men of War joined them. Theſe 2 Men of War were built at Naples, and are fine ſtout Ships; two of the Merchant Ships were built at Trieſte, and the other bought of the Venetians. Theſe trading Ships meet with but indifferent Encouragement here; their Plank and part of their Iron they have ſold to the King of Portugal's Yards; but the reſt of their Cargoes remains yet unſold,

Letters from Cadix of the 16th Inſtant adviſe, That the Harveſt in the Province of Andalouſia proving ſhort of what was expected, the Governour of Cadix (for preventing Inconveniencies which might happen for Want of Bread) has iſſued ſtrict Orders, That the Foreigners as well as Natives reſiding in that City, ſhould provide themſelves forthwith with ſufficient Quantities of Wheat for the Uſe of their Families.

Hague, December 10. *N. S.* Advice being come from Hnover, That the King of Great Britain deſigns to ſet out from thence the 16th Inſtant, in order to imbark for England on His Majeſty's Yacht the Carolina, now lying with the other Yachts and Convoy at Helvoetſluys; the States have given Directions for Guards to be diſpoſed at proper Stations, to attend His Majeſty from Delden in his Journey down to the Coaſt.

From

From the Evening Poſt, Decem. 12.

Moſcow, Nov. 12. Our Court has received Advice, that all the Subjects of the Porte have been ſtrictly charged by the Commanders of the Turkiſh Troops on the Frontiers, to abſtain from coming, without Leave, into the Dominions of his Czariſh Majeſty. The Turks made the ſame Prohibition juſt before they entred into a War with us the laſt Time.

The Archbiſhops, Biſhops and Clergy begin to arrive here, to aſſiſt at the Ceremony of the Coronation of our Emperor, which is to be performed here this Winter.

Hague, Decem. 7. The States are about ſending a new Ambaſſador to Conſtantinople; and 'tis ſaid the Eaſt India Company is to appoint one to go to Perſia, with Inſtructions to apply either to Meriweys or the Sophi, according as Affairs ſhall happen to ſtand at the Ambaſſador's Arrival; and this, in order to re-eſtabliſh their Factories at Gamran and Iſpahan.

His Pruſſian Majeſty having intimated, that he would be glad to have the former Alliances with the States General renewed, we hear this Propoſal has been taken into Conſideration.

Hague, Decem. 10. Aſſoon as the States had received Advice from Hanover, of the King of Great Britain's being deſign'd to ſet out from thence the 26th Inſtant, they gave Directions for Guards to be ſtation'd at proper Diſtances, in order to attend his Majeſty in his Paſſage from the Borders of this State to the Coaſt.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Dec. 12.

Hamburg, Dec. 7. Some Days ago arrived here from Copenhagen, Count Frytag, his Imperial Majeſty's Envoy, and took up his Lodgings in Count Vandernath's Houſe; it is likely he will make ſome ſtay here, ſeeing he has Orders from Court to remove the Difficulties about the Succeſſion of the Dutchy of Ploen; after which he is to return to Vienna. We have certain Advices from Conſtantinople, That for ſeveral important Reaſons. The Porte is come at laſt to a Reſolution to declare War againſt the Czar, and that a certain Foreign Miniſter at Conſtantinople, had adviſed the Czar's Envoy there, to depart from thence the ſooner the better, for fear of being confined to the Seven Towers.

Hague, Dec. 10. Letters from Lyons adviſe, That it was there reported that the Mariſhal de Villeroy was to return to Paris from his Baniſhment, before the End of this Month, but its not believed, that the ſaid illuſtrious Perſon will accept of it.

London, Dec. 12. This Day the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy met at St. Paul's Cathedral, where *Te Deum, Jubilate, and a new Anthem* compoſed by the ingenious Mr. Green, Organiſt of St. Paul's, were performed both vocally and inſtrumentally; and after Sermon preached by the Reverend Dr. Delaune Preſident of St. Johns College in Oxford, they proceeded to Merchant Taylor's Hall to Dinner.

Laſt Thurſday died at the Bath, Peter Joye, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners for victualing his Majeſty's Royal Navy.

This Day alſo, the Genlemen educated at the Charter-houſe School, held their Feaſt at the Crown Tavern behind the Royal Exchange, after a Sermon in the Charter-houſe Chappel.

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Wye's Letter verbatim, *London, Dec.* 12, 1723.

THE Author of the Book mentioned in our laſt, intituled, *A Review of Biſhop Burnet's Hiſtory*, &c. In his Remarks on the Character given by that Prelate of the Biſhops in the Reign of King James the Firſt, particularly, That they generally grew haughty, That they neglected their Functions, and were often at Court, and loſt all Eſteem with the People, ſays he would fain ask him, were he now living, whether theſe Characters would not as well fit ſome other Times; and ſome other Dignitaries as theſe he is writing of.

As to the Biſhop's Character of King Charles the Firſt, That he hated all that offered prudent and moderate Counſels, That his Reign, both in Peace and War, was a continual Series of Errors, ſo that it does not appear that he had a true Judgment of Things, The following Remarks are made, *viz.*

Thus the Biſhop has depainted the Character of a Prince, who for his —— Piety, Humanity and perſonal Virtues, was inferior to none; and though he might erre, as all Princes have done, yet his Right was ſo far from being a continual Series of Errors, that he fell not a Sacrifice to them, or to his Want of Judgment; but to a tyrannical, hypocritical Faction, by none ſurpaſſed, if ever equalled.

At the Concluſion of this Book the Author obſerves, That a warm Party Man is the moſt unfit Perſon in Life to write a Hiſtory of Facts where Parties are to be treated of, his Zeal for the Side he eſpouſes, will ever ſhew it ſelf in Circumſtances and Things, which rather ridicule and injure the Party than ſerve it. That the Productions of ſuch a Writer, though his Character and Genius be the greateſt, cannot laſt long in Reputation even with his own Party, the Man of Senſe will ſoon give him up; and it will not be in the Power of others to ſupport him.

The Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of London, who is look'd upon to be the moſt active Prelate that has been for many Years paſt, went laſt Tueſday to Fulham, to Confirm the Youth of that and other neighbouring Pariſhes; and we hear his Lordſhip will conſecrate next Week the new Church at St. Mary le Strand, as alſo that of St John of Clerking well in the Chriſtmaſs Holidays.

This Day the Court met at the Old Baily, to give Sentence againſt John Lant for the Riot at Cripplegate: When 'twas ſignified by the Deputy Recorder, that the Judges were of opinion, that the Objections moved by his Counſel in Arreſt of Judgment, were inſignificant. He then pronounced the following Sentence, *viz.* To pay a Fine of 30 Pound, to be impriſoned for 3 Months, and afterwards to give Security for his good Behaviour during 12 Months.

Yeſterday was ſold by Auction the following Eſtates of the late Directors, at the S. S. Houſe: That of the Manſion-houſe of Sir Robert Chaplain, to the Dutcheſs Dowager of Marlborough, for 13000 *L.* That of Mr. Ambroſe Page, at Nidſdean, to the afore-mentioned Dutcheſs, for 591 *L.* That of Mr. Peter De la Porte, in Surrey, to Denis Bond, Eſq; for 6000 *L.* which was put up at 5500 *L.* and is only 200 *L. per Annum*: That of Mr. Surman, late Caſhier to Mr. Hall of Brentwood, for 12000 *L.* and ſets no more than 410 *L. per Annum*. Two more of Mr. Surman's Eſtates were likewiſe ſold, one for 2950 *L.* to Samuel Ruſh, Eſq;

'Tis obſervable that theſe Eſtates, as well as moſt of the reſt, ſold conſiderably more than what they were valued at in the Inventaries delivered to the Barons of Exchequer.

Sir Richard Steele, Maſter of the Play-houſe, and one of the Commiſſioners of Forfeited Eſtates, died lately at the Bath; as did Yeſterday the Lady Wich, Relict of the late Sir Byrald Wich.

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The Wind has been ſo boiſterous for this Week at N. Weſt, that it has prevented his Majeſty's Embarkation; but now growing calm and turning fair, we believe his Majeſty may be here by Sunday next.

Haddington, Dec. 13.

Beſt Wheat 8 l. 4 ſh.	2d Ditto 8 l. 2 ſh.	3d Ditto 8 l.
Beſt Bear 8 l. 4 ſh.	2d Ditto 8 l.	3d Ditto 7 l. 18 ſh.
Beſt Oats 6 l. 15 ſh.	2d Ditto 6 l. 12 ſh.	3d Ditto 6 l. 10 ſh.
Beſt Peaſe 6 l. 10 ſh.	2d Ditto 6 l. 6 ſh.	3d Ditto 6 l. 2 ſh.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

*** *That upon the Twenty-third Day of* December *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh Houſe or Cellar, conſiſting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-rooms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe at the* Bank-cloſs-*head.*

That the Land and Barony of Thornydikes, *lying within the Parochine of* Woolſtruther, *and Sheriffdom of* Berwick, *is to be expoſed to Sale by a publick voluntary Roup, in* February *next, upon the Day and in the Place hereafter to be notified; the Rental whereof, is wholly in Money, and extends to* 2393 L. 13 s. 4 d. *beſides Kain, and the Service of winning of Peats by the Tenants, who are bound to leave Steel-bow-ſtraw. The Lands hold of the Sovereign Taxtward, the Duties are pretty eaſy, the Rental may be conſiderably improv'd; there is no Stipend paid to the Miniſter, the Tiends being valued at* 108 L. *yearly, payable to a Tackſman; and the Heretor, near Thirty Years ſince, obtained Decreet of Sale. The School-Maſter's Fees is* 8 L. *Scots, and the Ceſs is* 13 L. 7 s. *per Month. The Land are furniſhed with a commodious ſclated Manſion-Houſe and good Office Houſes, with a Garden, and two Graſs Yards not to be rented. It lies a Mile from the Parish Church, fifteen Miles from* Berwick *upon* Tweed, *on the* Eaſt, *twelve Miles from* Caloſtream, *and nine Miles from* Kelſo *on the* South, *three Mile from the Burgh of* Lauder *on the* Weſt; *and ſeven Miles from the Town of* Dunce *on the* North-Eaſt. *The Perſon concerned in the Roup (who is to be found in the* Laigh-Coffe-Houſe *in* Edinburgh) *will ſatisfy any Buyer concerning the Progreſs of Rights, the Rental of each Farm, with the Conditions of Sale,* &c.

*** The Committee of the Creditors of Mr. *David Watſon*, having appointed a general Meeting at *John's* Coffee-houſe, on *Friday* the 20th Inſtant, at 4 of the Clock Afternoon. It is deſired that the whole Creditors or their Doers having Powers from them, would attend the ſaid Meeting, and bring their Grounds of Debt with them. It being neceſſary that ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken for their general Intereſt.

BY

BY Order of Mr. *John Oglvie* of *Balbignie*, Mr. *John Forbes* of *Newhall*, and Mr. *Alexander Bayne* of *Rires*, Advocates, Truſtees and Arbiters for the Creditors of *David* Earl of *Northesk*.

There are to give Notice that the ſaid Trnſtees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking; Now, that the moſt part of them have ſigned the Submiſſion, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Credivors to give in their Claims and Inſtructions of Debt to *William Mercer* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Clerk to the ſaid Submiſſion, betwixt and the firſt of *January* next; and ſuch Creditors as have not as yet ſigned the Submiſſion by themſelves or by Proxy; are hereby advertiſed and deſired, to ſign the ſame, or ſend Powers to their Doers for that Effect, That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Diſpoſition granted by the ſaid Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewiſe ſend up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, ſuch as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

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